

Indiana Archaeology Month 2004

Commemorative poster

This year's Indiana Archaeology Month poster focuses on the many different ways to preserve information about Indiana's past through archaeology. Specifically, the office of the Indiana State Archaeologist, the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, is highlighted. The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is the lead archaeological agency in Indiana. Some are not aware that Indiana has such an office, and this poster provides the public with just a few of the many services which the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology offers in terms of archaeological resources, and illustrates how the Division is preserving Indiana's past. Through our work, the work of the many archaeologists working in our state, and the support of the public, we will continue to learn so much about the rich and varied cultures that make up the past, and in many ways have helped shape the future.

This year's poster and t-shirt were designed by Teri Capron of Fresh Design and printed by Integrity Document Solutions, Inc. Teri states that "the poster was inspired by the grid used in excavating the Indiana archaeological treasures that lie beneath the surface." The National Park Service graciously provided the funds with which the poster and shirts were produced. Order forms for the poster, shirt, and other materials can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeorequest.html>.

Images used on the poster, from left to right, are as follows:

Top Row- The image on the left is of a young volunteer getting a taste of what it is like to screen for artifacts. Public outreach, especially to young people, is a high priority for the office. Having the public interested in, and involved in, archaeology is an important way to help preserve the past.

The next image is of a typical archaeological excavation unit. This unit was dug at the President Benjamin Harrison Home in Indianapolis. One of the services the DHPA provides is offering grant funds for archaeological projects in our state. The dig at the President Benjamin Harrison Home was just such a grant-funded project.

The image on the right is of William Mangold, one of the Division's Senior Archaeologists, examining some prehistoric pottery. Our archaeologists often examine artifacts that the public have found, helping them to understand the age and importance of the items.

Middle Row- State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones is shown mapping some archaeological site information onto a topographic map. Our office maintains the central repository of archaeological records and information in our state.

The middle image is of a large scale excavation in southern Indiana which has yielded tremendous information and literally millions of artifacts. This project was reviewed by our office, under laws protecting sites.

The photo on the right shows Tim Wright, archaeologist with the DNR's Division of Reclamation, in an excavation unit examining some prehistoric pottery which has been recovered. Our office has close working relationships with archaeologists in a number of Department of Natural Resources divisions, as well as with the other archaeologists working in Indiana.

Bottom Row- Our office reviews, evaluates, and comments upon proposals for projects which are conducted on state lands and might affect archaeological resources. One such project was this one at an Indiana state park. The archaeologists are recovering information prior to the addition of a fireplace to a reconstructed log cabin.

The middle photo illustrates two documents that resulted from an important cooperative project between the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and the Indiana Historical Bureau. Our office promotes public education regarding archaeology through publications such as this, as well as through training, presentations, and more.

The remaining photo is of Amy Johnson, Research Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator. She is using GPS technology to record the location of a burial ground affiliated with an historic fort in Indiana. This research and fieldwork was part of a National Park Service Historic Preservation Study regarding the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 in our state. Research and fieldwork of various types are critical parts of what the DHPA archaeologists are involved in.

We hope that you enjoy this informative poster, and that you will feel free to contact our office with any questions you may have. We work on a daily basis in various ways to provide protection and preservation of Indiana's finite and fragile archaeological resources. Please join us in "***Preserving Indiana's Past.***"

Images from:

Richard Fields, DNR, Outdoor Indiana
Dr. Rick Jones, Amy Johnson, Steve Kennedy, DNR/DHPA
Cathy Carson, Landmark Archaeology and Environmental Services, Inc.
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, Archaeological Survey
Publications courtesy of the Indiana Historical Bureau

Commemorative t-shirt

The design for this year's shirt mirrors the excavation unit theme from the poster. The images used reflect several of the types of activities or subjects which surround the four

images. For example, archaeological research often involves studying earlier maps and archaeological renderings. The upper right image is from the late 1800s of an earthwork in eastern Indiana. The bottom left image, on the other hand, illustrates the sophisticated computer generated maps which can today result from archaeological fieldwork. The upper left shows artifact illustrations, which are one way to preserve information and document the artifacts. The bottom right illustrates one artifact type, prehistoric pottery, which is being studied through archaeological research and documented in archaeological journals, for example. We hope this shirt, focusing on the many ways to preserve Indiana's past, will be a favorite of yours.

Images from:

computer map of prehistoric earthwork - Archaeological Resources Management Service, Department of Anthropology, Ball State University

projectile points- James A. Mohow, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

earthwork-

E.T. Cox, State Geologist

1879 Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Annual Reports of the Geological Survey of Indiana, Made During the Years 1876-77-78. Indianapolis Journal Company, State Printers, Indianapolis.

pottery sherds-

David Pollack and Cheryl Ann Munson

2003 The Angel to Caborn-Welborn Transition in Southwestern Indiana, Northwestern Kentucky, and Southeastern Illinois. In *Facing the Final Millennium: Studies in the Late Prehistory of Indiana, A.D. 700 to 1700*. Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Indianapolis.